GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Utilisation of School Buildings
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Government school buildings across the country which are lying unutilized and in dilapidated condition due to closure or winding up of the schools have been encroached upon by the people;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to utilize such school buildings as public library or community centre specially in the State of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) As per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE), 2014-15 (Provisional) 6340 Government elementary schools in 28 States are housed in dilapidated buildings, but are being utilized for teaching learning purposes. As per UDISE, 2014-15, 833 secondary school buildings in 21 States are in dilapidated condition. Out of these, 449 schools have zero enrolment and remaining 384 schools are being utilized for teaching learning purposes. State/UT-wise details of dilapidated government school buildings at elementary and secondary level are at Annexure.

Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Government of India provides school maintenance grant of
? 5,000/- per school per year (to elementary schools with up to 3 rooms); and ? 10,000/- per school per year (to elementary schools with more than 3 rooms), subject to the condition that the overall eligibility for the district would be ? 7,500/- per school, to provide annual maintenance and upkeep including repair of existing school building. Similarly, an amount of ? 50,000 is provided under Rashritya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan as annual school grant to government/government aided secondary schools to meet various expenditures including petty repairs and maintenance.

(c) There is no such proposal. These school buildings are under the administrative control of the respective State Government/UT Administration, and it is upto them to decide on the utilisation of the buildings.